

the quality of education and other services are available for the citizens at the Nebraska School for the Visually Handicapped and the Nebraska School for the Deaf.

PRESIDENT: Senator Pappas.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Mr. President and colleagues, this resolution is very unique. It does not call for extra money. It just calls, basically, for better utilization of what we have now with our educational processes, let people know what is available. It was signed by 26 senators. I think it is one thing that we can do to help people that need help without extra cost or burden on the families or society or taxpayers and make these people more useful for the rest of their lives and let them live up to their full potentials. I would ask for the adoption of this resolution, but I know there are many other people that would like to talk on it briefly.

PRESIDENT: Senator Morehead.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Mr. President and members of the body, I am going to come from a little different tack on this resolution than most of the people that are going to be addressing it later from the economic standpoint in our state and I want to share with you a personal experience which many of us do on this legislative floor. As a child, many of you know that I did have polio and at that time I was about ten years old. I was struggling with my own situations in life as we all develop emotionally and I had the opportunity to spend at least four months away from my family in an institution in the State of Nebraska, at that time called Hattie B. Munroe Home in Omaha, which is now a part of the Meyer Rehabilitative Center located with Children's Hospital and the Medical Center in Omaha. Now, I can tell you it was very traumatic. Yes, I was away from my family and the support system of my parents, but I was in an environment that was tremendously supportive for me and the situations that I was facing. I can tell you that the confidence that that support system gave to me enabled me probably to go out and face life coping with this that I would not have had otherwise. The people that I was working with understood fully the situation and in that understanding they could deliver not only traditional educational services to me but the medical services which I was, in fact, in need of at that time. Now, I think the